



RAISING the BAR

BY OCTAVIA DAVIS AND LISA GOODMAN

Much of Hershey's chocolate is made from cocoa grown in West Africa, an area where many growers use child labor. PHOTO: International Labor Rights Forum

Kids say no cheap labor for chocolate

AFRICA: CHILD LABOR BEHIND THIS CHOCOLATE

Students and activists came together on June 8 to protest in front of the Hershey's store in Times Square, New York City. Why protest chocolate? Hershey's uses cocoa that may have been produced by children. About ten years ago, Hershey's agreed to ensure that no children are involved in production, but they have not kept that promise, according to The Campaign to Make Hershey Fair Trade. During the rally, students marched and chanted, "What do we want? Fair Trade! When do we want it? Now!"

"The illegal use of child labor in chocolate production by Hershey and other chocolate-makers must stop," said Kerry Kennedy, president of the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights. "With this rally in Times Square, we are making sure that these companies hear that chocolate produced by children is a crime."

Melody, a student from Public School 34 in New York City, said she would keep up the protest. "I like helping people, and I want to stop child labor."



Students protest at a Hershey's store in New York City demanding that the company make sure that child labor is not used to produce chocolate. PHOTO: International Labor Rights Forum

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Learn more and share it with your friends. Check out these websites for information:

- jwj.org/hersheys
- raisethebarhershey.org

PENNSYLVANIA: TAKING ADVANTAGE OF STUDENT WORKERS

On August 17, hundreds of foreign student guest workers walked off their jobs to protest working conditions at a Hershey's chocolate packing plant in Pennsylvania. They came to the United States as part of a cultural exchange program set up by the U.S. State Department, but they ended up packing chocolates at the Hershey's plant in poor conditions.

One of the students told Jobs with Justice, "They don't care if you are small, don't have the power, haven't eaten- they just care about their production."



Meet... Yasemin from Dahab, Egypt

Name: Yasemin, age 10

Hometown: Dahab, Egypt (Bedouin Town on the Red Sea famous for coral reefs and scuba diving)

Languages: Arabic and English

Favorite food: Chicken

Favorite subjects: Arabic

Favorite pastimes: Reading

When she grows up she wants to be:
A teacher

Interesting fact about Yasemin:

During summer vacation, she sells colorful string bracelets on the beach.



Dahab at a Glance

Population: About 10,000

Location: Northeast Africa

Official language: Arabic

Bedouins live all over the Middle East. They used to be nomadic people, but now very few are nomads. Many of them raise animals, fish and work in tourism, such as taking people on camping trips in the desert.

Learn a little Arabic!

(pronunciation in parentheses)

Hello: Salaam Alaykum

How are you?: Izzayak (for a boy) Izzayik (for a girl)

School: Madrasa

Dog: Kelb

Camel: Jamal

Peace: Salaam

CHILD PROFILE COMPILED BY ELISH SARI

7,000 That's how many oil spills occurred in Nigeria between 1970 and 2000.
(Daily Times Nigeria)

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Shelling out Environmental Justice in Nigeria

By ELAINE MATTHEWS

Ogoniland is the home of the Ogoni people in Nigeria, west Africa. Oil was discovered more than 50 years ago and has been produced there by large international companies ever since. Shell Oil pulled out of oil production in Ogoniland in 1993 after 300,000 Ogonis protested about the failure of Shell and the Nigerian government to address widespread pollution. However, pipelines and other facilities remain and oil production continues under Shell's Nigerian partner, Shell Petroleum Development Company.

For many years, organizations such as the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People and Amnesty International (an international human rights organization) have provided evidence of oil pollution in Nigeria. Problems include contamination of rivers and farmland that has destroyed the livelihoods of farmers and fishermen, made the water undrinkable, and caused lung and skin problems.

Efforts for environmental justice recently received support when the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP) released the first scientific report documenting the massive oil pollution in Nigeria by Shell Oil and its

Nigerian partner. UN scientists investigated 200 sites. Joseph Alcamo, UNEP chief scientist said, "UNEP believes that oil contamination in Ogoniland has created an environmental crisis of unprecedented proportions."

A few days before release of the UN report, Shell Oil acknowledged responsibility for two large oil spills in 2008 and 2009, including a promise to carry out clean-up. However, Shell continues to claim, without evidence, that most of the oil spills are caused not by their poor practices, but by theft and vandalism.



Dead trees dot the landscape of the Ogoni people of Nigeria. They have had their environment contaminated by oil companies for over 50 years.

Photo: Flickr/Socialist Youth League of Norway

Famine in Somalia

By JEAN JACQUES CHARLES

The United Nations (U.N.) reports that more than 11 million people in the Horn of Africa need food assistance due to the region's worst drought in 50 years. The Horn of Africa is located in the northeast part of the continent.

"Children are the most affected by the crisis."

Catherine Bragg,
UN Emergency
Relief Operations

From a satellite's view, it resembles a pointy horn.

Nearly half of the population of Somalia is now in crisis, and parts of Kenya and Ethiopia are also affected by the famine. It is estimated that tens of thousands of people have died from malnutrition in recent months. "Children are the most affected by the crisis," states Catherine Bragg of U.N. Emergency Relief Operations, "and an estimated 1.25 million children across southern Somalia are in urgent need of life-saving assistance."

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon calls the current situation in Somalia a "catastrophic combination of conflict, high food prices and drought" and has appealed for immediate aid.

Kiki Gbeho, who heads the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (U.N.) in Somalia, believes there is still hope and lives can be saved in Somalia if relief efforts can get seeds planted before the next rainfall, as well as food and cash into people's hands and health services increased throughout the region. "We can prevent the situation from deteriorating further."

Thousands of families like this one have been forced to flee their homes, even moving to a neighboring country, in search of food.



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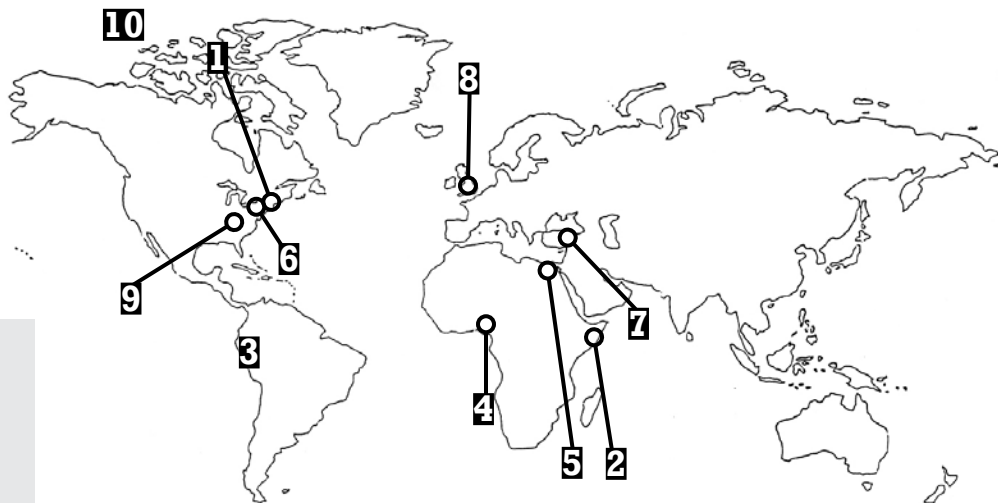
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All the countries listed below are mentioned in this issue. Can you match them with their general location on the world map at right? Answers at bottom of this page.

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| a) Egypt ____ | f) Turkey ____ |
| b) Pennsylvania ____ | g) New York ____ |
| c) Nigeria ____ | h) Peru ____ |
| d) Arctic Ocean ____ | i) Kentucky ____ |
| e) Somalia ____ | j) England ____ |



Youth Riots in England

By AMANDA VENDER

The city of London, England saw its worst riots in decades after police killed a black man and then beat a 16-year-old girl who attended a protest. The uprising spread through the poorer neighborhoods of London and to several cities across England. British youth broke windows of businesses and public buses, stole store goods and set fire to cars and buildings.

British Prime Minister David Cameron called the unrest, “criminality, pure and simple” and made a plan to remove the rioters and their families from the government’s lower-cost housing.

Many people disagreed with Cameron’s response saying that the British government should deal with discrimination and poverty at the root of the crisis. On the news program *Democracy Now!*, London columnist Darcus Howe called the rioting an “insurrection,” and blamed “the consistent stopping and searching young blacks without cause.” Black men in England are much more likely to be stopped and searched by cops than white men.



Recent riots by young people in England raise questions about the causes of the violence. Here, a carpet store in London the day after it was set on fire.

Also, young people in England have been hit hard by the bad economy and face high unemployment. However, the government has cut programs and services to youth.

Just a week before the riots began, Professor John Pitts, an adviser on gangs and violent crime for the city of London, warned about what was likely to happen with the closing of services for young people, reported *The Guardian*. “If you cut summer activities for young people, as night follows day you will see an increase in crime.”

Media Giant Under Investigation

By KIM GREEN



Graphic: Jessica Patrick

Rupert Murdoch may not be someone you know by name, but he is definitely someone who has an influence on your life. Why? He owns several powerful media outlets such as The Wall Street Journal, the largest newspaper in the world, and Twentieth Century

information. Murdoch and his company News Corporation were scrutinized starting in July because it was reported that the company hacked the cell phone of a missing British woman named Milly Dowler, who had been missing for months, and deleted some of her messages in order to help them write a more complete story. This action gave the police and Dowler’s family false hope that she might be alive and deleting the messages, thus interfering with the investigation.

Murdoch and his company are also under federal investigation in the United States because employees of News Corporation may have tried to bribe police and hack into the voicemails of people killed in the September 11, 2001 attacks.

Even though Murdoch said that he was “unaware” of the practices of News of the World, he is named in the investigation because he is the Chief Executive Officer.

What Does Murdoch’s News Corporation Own?
The Wall Street Journal
Fox News Corporation
The New York Post
Harper Collins
Twentieth Century Fox
... and over 200 more newspapers, TV stations, magazines and movie studios around the world.

ry Fox: one of the six largest major American film studios. Twentieth Century Fox produced *That ‘70s Show* and the movies *Star Wars* and *Ice Age*.

Murdoch and his companies are in the media spotlight because his tabloid *News of the World* may have used illegal and unethical means to gain

newsbriefs

Obama OKs Arctic Drilling



PHOTO: Flickr.com/Sheharazade Al Arab

President Obama gave the oil and gas company Shell permission to drill for oil in the Arctic Ocean. Scientists and environmental groups claim that the risk of pollution from spills is too high.

Should an accident like the 2010 BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico happen, it would be more difficult to clean up due to the cold climate, sea ice, and distance from services. The area is home to whales, walrus and polar bears.

U.S. to Cut Services

President Obama signed the “Budget Control Act of 2011” in August after it was debated for a long time in Congress. The law requires that the government cut spending by \$1.5 trillion over the next ten years. While most U.S. government dollars go to the military, cuts will likely be to programs that help the poor, elderly and people out of work, and to services for youth such as school nutrition and education.



GRAPHIC: Gary Martin

Turkish People Demand Internet Freedom



PHOTO: Flickr.com/Kevglobal

The Turkish government started a new internet filtering system that requires users to choose one of four browsers to access the web. The government says the change was made because of complaints about the poor performance of the previous system. Activists claim the real purpose is to limit access to information that does not show the government in a positive light.

Less Bad Happy Meal

Under pressure from people concerned about kids’ health, McDonald’s announced that it will change its Happy Meals starting in September by adding fruit and downsizing the fries. This will reduce calories by 20 percent. The Happy Meal with a toy will still be banned in San Francisco because it isn’t healthy enough for the city’s nutrition standards.



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Remembering 9.11.2001

TEN YEARS LATER

✧ BY AMANDA VENDER ✧

The tenth anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks is being marked with ceremonies to honor the nearly 3,000 victims of that day. The 9/11 memorial in New York City is being dedicated, and elected officials speak of continuing the fight against terrorism.

Right after the 9/11 attacks, the United States government launched two wars, creating hundreds of thousands more victims, and took away rights and freedoms of people living in the United States, too. Here, *IndyKids* takes a look at what has happened after, and in the name of, September 11, 2001.



GRAPHIC: Christine Hale

DEFINITIONS

Osama bin Laden: from Saudi Arabia, he received money and weapons from the United States government in the 1980's to fight in Afghanistan against the Soviet Union's occupation. Later, he turned against the United States because he did not like U.S. military bases in Saudi Arabia. U.S. forces killed bin Laden on May 2, 2011.

Al Qaeda: a fringe group that wishes to establish a conservative form of the Islamic religion around the world and overthrow non-Islamic governments

Terrorist: is a person, group or country that uses violence to get political change.

COSTS OF WAR

650,000
Deaths of Iraqi people

6,044
U.S. Troops killed

\$4 trillion
Cost to U.S. Taxpayers

46,000
U.S. Troops currently in Iraq

90,000
U.S. Troops currently in Afghanistan

Timeline of Events

SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 (9/11)

The U.S. government says that on this day, Islamic extremists killed nearly 3,000 people by hijacking four passenger airplanes. Two flew into the World Trade Center in New York City, one crashed in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and the last flew into the Pentagon building in Virginia, where the nation’s military is headquartered.

Stopping hijacked planes was a scenario that had been rehearsed hundreds of times before. Usually when an airplane goes off course, NORAD (North American Aerospace Defense Command) has fighter jets out within minutes. This did not happen on September 11, 2001.

The United States blamed the attacks on Osama bin Laden and Al Qaeda.



PHOTO: Flickr.com/wallyg

OCTOBER 7, 2001

U.S. INVADES AFGHANISTAN

President George W. Bush ordered an invasion of Afghanistan, a country in Central Asia, saying that Afghanistan refused to turn over Osama bin Laden and to stop supporting Al Qaeda. “Our war on terror begins with Al Qaeda, but it does not end there. It will not end until every terrorist group of global reach has been found, stopped, and defeated.” -President George W. Bush



Ten years after the invasion, a United Nations report says that the Afghanistan is the worst place in the world to be a mother. PHOTO: Mohammad Popal/IRIN

OCTOBER 26, 2001

THE WAR AT HOME

President Bush signed the USA PATRIOT Act. The law limits the civil liberties (freedoms) of people in the United States. It allows the government to secretly listen to people’s phone calls, read their email messages, and search their homes, and review their library and bank records. Many people believe this is against the U.S. Constitution. In May 2011, President Barack Obama extended the main parts of the PATRIOT Act.



Decades of war have turned Iraq into one of the worst places for children in the region, with around 3.5 million living in poverty, according to UNICEF. PHOTO: IRIN

MARCH 19, 2003

U.S. INVADES IRAQ

President George W. Bush said that Iraq, a country in Western Asia, had dangerous “weapons of mass destruction” and that the Iraqi government was linked to the September 11 attacks. Both claims were found to be untrue.

JULY 26, 2004

9/11 COMMISSION REPORT RELEASED

The official report on the 9/11 attacks was published. Many people doubt the official version of 9/11 and have called for an independent investigation, which has not yet happened. In 2005, Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney held a congressional briefing to examine the 9/11 Commission Report and unanswered questions.,

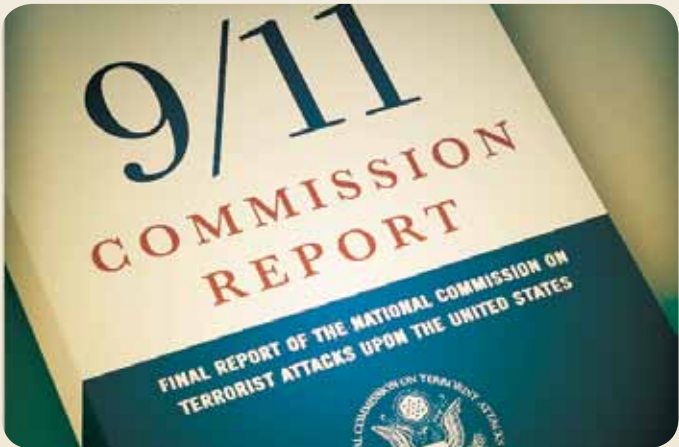


PHOTO: Department of Homeland Security

SPECIAL REGISTRATION OF IMMIGRANTS:

In September 2002, the U.S. government set up a “Special Registration” program requiring immigrants from certain Middle Eastern and North African countries to go to an immigration office to be fingerprinted, photographed and interviewed. The program ended in April 2011.



ISLAMOPHOBIA:

A December 2010 report by the Council on American-Islamic Relations found a low public opinion of Muslim people and increasing discrimination and hate crimes against Muslims, such as beatings and vandalism of mosques. The report noted, “a sizeable number of Americans hold prejudiced views toward Muslims.”



PHOTO: David Shankbone

GUANTANAMO & TORTURE:

In January, 2002, the United States government started using the prison camp on a U.S. military base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to hold people from around the world whom the U.S. government suspects of being terrorists. However, many people held there have not been accused of any crime or tried in court. The United Nations and many other organizations say that the prisoners are tortured.

Worm Up Your Nose?



PHOTO: ANINA J. PHILLIPS, PLOS ONE

How would you like to have someone pick a leech (a blood-sucking ringed worm) out of your nose? That's just what happened to a girl in Peru who bathed in a river. The leech was sent to the American Museum of Natural History in New York, where this new leech was given the name *Tyrannobdella rex* or Tyrant Leech King.

Rat Creates Poisonous Hair



PHOTO: SUSANNAH ROUSE

Although the giant African Crested Rat has been known for years, scientists just discovered that it protects itself by making its fur poisonous. The rat chews the bark of the *Acokanthera* tree, which is also used by elephant hunters to poison their arrows, and deposits poisonous spit on special hairs on its back. The hairs have holes on the outside that allow the poison to seep inside. When a predator tries to bite the rat, it gets a poisonous mouthful.

Water on Mars?

By **Alexia Almonte**
Kid Reporter, age 11



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When I hear Mars, I think Martian. Who wouldn't like to meet an alien? Recently, scientists discovered dozens of dark slopes across Mars' southern hemisphere that may be salt water, but they are not certain. Where there is water there might be life. Lujendra Ojha, a junior at the University of Arizona, noticed the slopes in images sent by the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter. She also observed that the streaks change with the seasons. We may be closer to answering the question, is there life on Mars?

41%

That's how much the number of homeless kids in public schools increased between the 2006-2007 and 2008-2009 school years. (Children's Defense Fund)

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Helping Homeless Kids in Lexington, KY

By IK Kid Reporter **AMELIA J. LOEFFLER**, age 9

One day this summer I was sitting around bored. I was trying to think of something to do. My mom suggested I do a lemonade stand to benefit homeless kids. She told me about LemonAid Days and I looked up the program information online. LemonAid Days is a project where kids like me help homeless kids by having a lemonade stand and donating all the money to the Salvation Army's program for homeless kids in Lexington, Kentucky.

I registered online, visited the Salvation Army downtown, and collected my information packet, badges and sign. After that, my dad helped me buy the supplies. My friend Maisie and my little sister Ruby helped. We spent three mornings working at our LemonAid stand. Instead of setting a price we asked for donations. When we told people what we were doing, they donated lots of money. We raised \$216 in three days. Over one thousand kids and their families participated in LemonAid Days. Together, we raised more than \$40,000.

The main cause of homelessness for kids is when parents lose their jobs. Then there is no source of income for the family. When

there is no source of income, the most expensive things, like a house, go first. The Salvation Army provides a safe place for kids to stay while their parents are looking for a job. I feel like I did something very good by helping homeless kids in my community. What can you do to help kids where you live?



Amelia, her little sister Ruby and her friend Maisie spent a few of their summer days at a lemonade stand raising money to provide shelter for homeless kids.

Movie Review: "The Harvest/La Cosecha"

By IK Kid Reporter **ROBERT IVKO**, age 12

"The Harvest/La Cosecha: The Story of the Children Who Feed America" is a documentary about three immigrant children who are trying to help their parents earn money by picking crops. The movie shows just three of 400,000 children in the United States who work from 12 to 14 hours a day trying to earn enough money to survive. Despite the hard work, on average, farmworker families earn less than \$17,500 a year.

The documentary shows how Zulema Lopez, age 12, has been working for as long as she can remember. At only 4:30 AM she begins working at a local farm picking onions. For a month she works continuously while being separated from friends and school. When seasons change, Zulema must travel all the way from her hometown in Florida to Michigan.

Victor Huapilla, age 16, says it's so hard to keep pace with grown up men while picking tomatoes 14 hours a day. He says that once his skin began peeling off because of the fertilizer on the crops.

Perla Sanchez has to turn away from school and begin working to support the family. "Just because we are immigrants," says Perla, "that doesn't make us stupid." The end of the documentary shows interesting facts about crop pickers. Jose Hernandez, who picked vegetables, became a NASA astronaut. Hope is not lost.

To see the movie, look for it on Netflix. You can also ask your librarian to buy the DVD, to be released October 15th. Find out more at www.theharvestfilm.com.



Zulema, in *The Harvest/La Cosecha* is forced to withdraw from school and harvest crops.

By IK Kid Reporter **ESTRELLA BARRIGA**, age 13, interviewed these kids in Queens, NY

What do you think about the U.S. government's decision to go to war after September 11, 2001?



"I think a lot of people die [in the wars] but I am happy because people do it for the U.S.A."
Genevieve Goldstein, 9



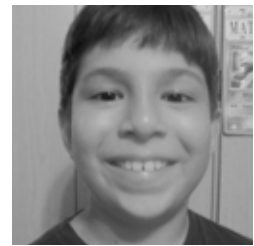
"I feel very bad for our country; it is getting messed up. War is a bad thing. People die who don't deserve to die."
Christian Nembhard, 8



"I feel bad about what happened, but I feel better about how they're rebuilding [Afghanistan and Iraq]."
Patricia Tam, 10



"It was a bad idea for planes to crash into buildings. I think it's bad because people die."
Francesca Cardenas, 11



"I think it is sad how such beautiful buildings were knocked down. It is horrible how people are now experiencing consequences of the terrible 9/11."
Gabriel Ortega, 9

Verizon Workers Go On Strike

Estrella Barriga, age 13, went to a picket line in Queens, New York, and interviewed Donna Marie Petagine. Donna is an administrative assistant who has worked for Verizon for 22 years.

About 45,000 Verizon workers went on strike (refused to work) starting August 7 after their work contract expired. The Verizon (phone and wireless company) wants to cut workers' pay and make them pay more for health care. Meanwhile, Verizon paid its top five bosses \$258 million over four years.

The Verizon workers are located in states from Virginia to New England and are represented by two labor unions: the Communications Workers of America and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

What do you do for Verizon?

I take care of calls from customers and send technicians to places where people need help with their telephone or wireless systems. My fellow workers elected me to represent them in negotiations with the company we work for.

Why are you striking?

The company wants to cut our salaries. We are fighting for decent wages and working conditions. Our union is strong and proud. We want to keep the rights our union brothers and sisters have fought for and won. We want job security (to be able to work without fear of losing our jobs) and to put food on the table.

What can kids do to help?

Support the strike by joining a picket line near you, or call Verizon to tell them you won't use their company unless they treat workers fairly.

UPDATE: The strike lasted two weeks. It ended when Verizon and the unions agreed to keep the old contract while continuing to negotiate a new one, and to make fewer changes to the contract.



letters

I found "**Someday, You Could Be a: Foreign Correspondent**" interesting since most people don't focus on important things like war. Instead they focus on celebrities who will always be around, but countries are often destroyed by bombs and shooting. Celebrities are forever, but countries are never the same. What's more important? What Lady Gaga wears? or how many people are dying on the battlefield? Think about it!
Del K, Fifth Grade, New York, NY



"**Tornados Tear Through the South**" tells us that whole neighborhoods were taken off the map because of the storms. I think it is sad that people died and places were so destroyed that they barely exist. The thought of family members who died made me sad. Not only do they not have a house, but also people that they loved are gone.
F. O'Connell, Fifth Grade, New York, NY

"**Earthquake Changes Lives in Japan**" tells kids that hundreds of thousands of lives in Japan changed forever after the earthquake. In my opinion, I think people should help the people in Japan so they can have food,

water, shelter and clothing. People in Japan need help and we should help them.
Pauline, Fifth Grade, New York, NY

When I read the article "**No Bag Lunch**" I was surprised that the principal banned bag lunches. I think kids should be allowed to bring their own school lunches. Kids should have a choice to eat what they want and live how they want. Homemade lunches can be a way for kids to express themselves.
Mya Belliard, Fifth Grade, Brooklyn, NY

I am shocked by how many people were killed by the earthquake in Japan. "**Earthquake Changes Lives in Japan**" reports that over 14,000 people were confirmed dead, and almost 12,000 more people were missing. I think that the article gives a very good description since it is detailed and shows me how the earthquake was a very tragic and nerve-racking moment. We should all help the kids in Japan like give clothes and money.
Shayna Febus, Fifth Grade, New York, NY

When reading "**U.S. Military Kills Osama Bin Laden**" I found interesting the idea that the U.S. army killed lots of people from the Middle East and bin Laden killed less. This point makes it extremely hard to decide if it was fair that Osama was killed. Although Osama was a bad person, the group who killed him should have at least questioned him before he was murdered. After all, the U.S. army killed more civilians than him. I wonder how our army killed that many innocent people.
Elijah, Sixth Grade, New York, NY

"**A Story of Migration: Bilingual Essay**" tells us how coming to America is hard for kids and their families. I think this article is important since it

shows how Karyll's mom was abused by her boss and made it hard for Karyll too. It's not easy living in New York City being from another country and trying to have a better life.
Susana, Fifth Grade, Brooklyn, NY

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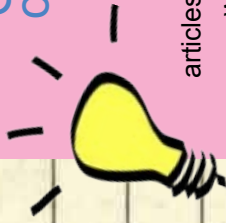
- 1 frozen banana
- 1/2 cup non-fat yogurt
- 1/2 cup fresh orange juice
- 1/4 cup blueberries, washed

1. Combine all ingredients in a blender.
2. Blend until smooth.

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With its unique appearance, the duck-billed platypus is a sight to behold! However, there are other reasons why it stands out in the animal kingdom. The platypus is a monotreme, or an egg-laying mammal. Today, only two species of monotreme remain: the platypus and the spiny anteater.

Fact: Platypuses are only found in Australia.

Fact: Even though platypuses live mainly in the water, they breathe air.

Fact: Female platypuses can dig up to 60 feet in the ground to make their breeding nests.

Fact: There are three ways to say the plural of platypus: platypuses, platypoda and platypus are all recognized.

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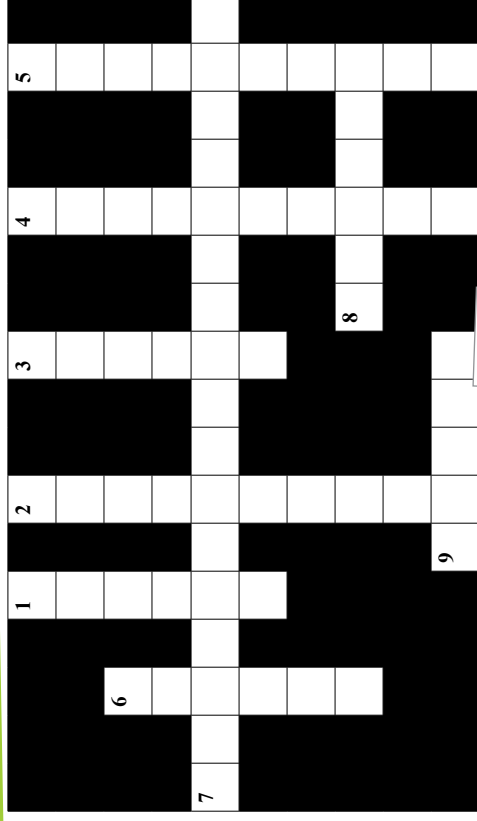
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This crossword puzzle is made up of words from this issue of *IndyKids*. Answers can be found on page 2.



Down

1. Continent where most of Hershey's cocoa is grown
2. Blood-sucking worm from Peru that feeds off of human orifices
3. Scientists recently saw these on images from Mars
4. New IndyKids program where you can join the team as a reporter, writer and more!
5. New movie about immigrant children who work on farms
6. Country that introduced new internet filtering system

Across

7. Giant rodent that can chew poison and live
8. What Verizon workers did recently
9. Oil company given presidential permission to drill in Arctic Ocean